

committee men, of the hundreds of Co-operative societies within reach of Manchester At each recurring 'season' there are similar displays in the Drapery and other departments Here societies can obtain all the information' that they need with regard to replenishing their stocks Extraordinary as it may seem to the profit-making world, there is here no chaffering as to prices, no * beating-down,' no attempt to make a clever bargain There is, in fact, a genuine community of interest The buyers can make their criticisms and complaints about past supplies They find freely brought to their notice all possible alternatives They are encouraged to offer their own suggestions as to what they understand their members to desire The substantial meal to which, in company with the C W S departmental chief officials, they are invited in the excellently organised dining-room on the premises affords a further opportunity of the highest value for mutual consultation on an informal basis "

Everything here, up to the culmination in the substantial meal, is characteristic For that meal the writers themselves probably did not care but they see its place in the scheme of things

Both in the emphasis they place on Co-operation, as a method for the organisation of consumers, and in the importance of the place which they assign to it, in co-ordination with the organisation of producers through the Unions, in the Socialist Commonwealth, they are here developing a point central in their constructive thinking ever since it was, with brilliant insight, set out in her *History of the Co-operative Movement*, and amplified in the address she gave to the Co-operative Congress in 1892 Neither Trade Unionism nor Co-operation, she

then stated,

"can achieve its full development without the loyal
co-operation
of the other The proper relationship between
Trade Unionism
and Co-operation is, as it seems to me, that of an
ideal marriage,
in which each partner respects the individuality
and assists the
work of the other, whilst both cordially join
forces to secure
their common end—the Co-operative State "

This conception they now expand and work out
in detail,
expressing anew their opposition to control
by the pro-